

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2437

To increase penalties for trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery,
involuntary servitude, or forced labor.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16 (legislative day, MARCH 15), 2006

Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BYRD) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 18.**

4 The text of section 1590 of title 18, United States
5 Code, is amended to read as follows: “Whoever knowingly
6 recruits, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any
7 means, any person for labor or services in violation of this
8 chapter shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for
9 any term of years or life. If death results from the viola-
10 tion of this section, or if the violation includes kidnaping

1 or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or the
2 attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt
3 to kill, the defendant shall be fined under this title and
4 imprisoned for any term of years or life. If such violation
5 involves kidnaping more than 1 person, or involves aggra-
6 vated sexual assault on more than 1 person, the defendant
7 shall be subject to the death penalty.”.

